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1. Jindal Strips Ltd.		MADHYA PRADESH Kharsia Road, Raigarh, M.P.
2. Prakash Industries Ltd.		Champa, Bilaspur, M.P.
3. Hindustan Electro graphite Ltd.		Durg, M.P.
4. Nova Iron & Steel Ltd.		Dagoria, Bilaspur, M.P.
5. Raipur Steels & Alloys Ltd.		Raipur, M.P.
6. Monnet Ispat Ltd.		Kurud, Raipur, M.P.
7. Raigarh Electrodes Ltd.		Raigarh, M.P.
1. Sunflag Iron & Steel Co. Ltd.		MAHARASHTRA Bhandara, Maharashtra
2. Lloyds Metal & Engineers Ltd.		Chanderpur, Maharashtra
3. Vikram Ispat Ltd.		Raigad, Maharashtra
4. Ispat, Industries Ltd.		Alibagh, Raigad, Maharashtra
1. Orissa Sponge Iron Ltd.		ORISSA Palasdonga, Keonjhar, Orissa
2. Tata Sponge Iron Ltd.		Joda Keonjhar, Orissa
3. Rexon Strips Ltd.		Rourkela, Orissa
1. Tamil Nadu Sponge Ltd.		TAMIL NADU Hastampatti, Salem Tamil Nadu

Konkan Railway

364. SHRI PRABHUNATH SINGH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the total expenditure incurred on Konkan Railway since the commencement of the Project;

(b) the benefits coming to the commuters on this section; and

(c) the estimated profit vis-a-vis the cost escalation during the last three years coming through commutership to the Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK) : (a) Rs. 3534.26 crores till 30.3.98, Sir.

(b) The commuters are being benefited by substantial reduction in distance as well as travelling time via the Konkan Railway. The distance has been lesser by 500-1100 kms. on the new routes of Mumbai-Cochin & Delhi/Ahmedabad/Mumbai-Mangalore via the Konkan Railway than the old routes. Travelling time has also reduced by 10-26 hrs. on the Mumbai-Goa/Cochin/Mangalore legs of journey than before.

(c) Considering the fact that the Railway has been opened to through traffic only on 26.01.98, question of assessment of profit is too premature at this stage.

Trains on Konkarn Railway

365. SHRI A.C. JOS : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the trains which are going to Kerala via 760 km. long Konkarn Railway (KR);

(b) the various steps taken by the Union Government to enhance the revenue of Konkarn Railway;

(c) whether the Government have any proposal to start a new Kurla-Mangalore train via Konkarn Railway in near future; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK) : (a) At present 2431/2432 Nizamuddin-Trivandrum Rajdhani and 6635/6636 Kurla-Ernakulam Netravati Expresses are going to Kerala via Konkarn Railway.

(b) Steps are being taken to identify and divert more traffic from the Indian Railways on to the Konkarn Railway. Besides, major business development drives have been launched to augment traffic, the results of which will be visible after about a year.

(c) Yes Sir.

(d) 2619/2620 Kurla-Mangalore Exp. is being introduced as a tri-weekly Superfast train w.e.f. 01.06.98 and it will become a daily service from 01-07-98.

[Translation]

Construction of over bridge at Habibganj Naka Level Crossing

366. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VARMA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Madhya Pradesh has sent any proposal to the Union Government for construction of over bridge near Habibganj Naka in Bhopal city :

(b) if so, whether any survey has been conducted in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the total expenditure is likely to be incurred thereon; and

(e) the share of expenditure to be borne by the Union Government as well as the State Government ?